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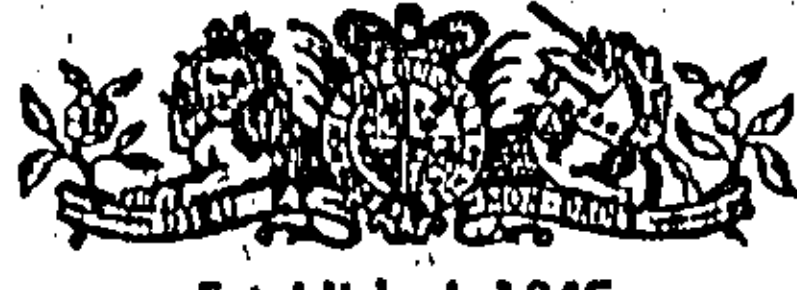
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AFTER the somewhat scathing criticisms of the Colony's competent and not always efficient public service, it would be less than fair if the disruption in deliveries of bread by Dairy Lane Ltd were allowed to pass without comment. After all critics of Government have been holding up private enterprise as the paragon which our humble servants should follow. The tables have been unbaringly turned — and no satisfactory explanation has been given.

Admittedly teething troubles in a new organisation are almost inevitable but the current delivery hold-up cannot reasonably be placed in that category. Could not such a simple procedure have been ironed out before the new organisation came into existence? From inquiries this newspaper made it appears that re-arrangements coincided with the merging of the two firms' activities and this naturally enough complicated the problem. Could not these have been deferred until a smooth transition had been assured?

FEW people in Hongkong are so spoiled that they are being seriously inconvenienced by the breakdown but the disruption is annoying nevertheless. Apologies have already been tendered but the feeling persists that it might have been avoided altogether if the companies concerned had planned a little more carefully. Had Government been responsible for a sudden failure of one of its community services, there would have been widespread protests and the Director of Information Services would be burning the midnight oil composing mollifying statements to soothe irate taxpayers.

Now we have no hesitation in asking private enterprise to look after its own business and make the appropriate explanation. They perform community services. And they must expect criticism when they fail to come up to expected standards. What puzzles the public is that if some deliveries of food can be made why not bread as well? It is a new organisation bent on eliminating unnecessary competition and streamlining activities, to make its debut.

Major shift in Government's defence policy 'BLUE STREAK' ROCKET SHOCK

Britain cancels her bomb-missile project

London, Apr. 13.

Britain is on the verge of a major shift in its defence policy beginning with the cancellation of the Blue Streak H-bomb rocket on which more than £100 million has already been spent, it was reported today.

Banner-headline reports in almost every morning newspaper said the Government had reluctantly decided it could no longer afford an independent deterrent and would rely henceforth on greater military integration with its allies.

Mr Harold Watkinson, the Defence Minister, is expected to inform the House of Commons later today about the shift in policy and specifically the decision to cancel the 2,500-mile-range Blue Streak rocket.

Menzies informed

Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, has already been informed about plans to cancel the Blue Streak, a report in one newspaper, the Daily Express, said. The rocket has been tried out on Australia's giant Woomera rocket range and any cancellation would have grave effects.

Also likely to be cancelled is the "Super Bloodhound" Mark III, a ground to air interceptor rocket, the reports said.

The general feeling is that only the United States and the Soviet Union retain the economic and military resources to enable them to pursue an independent rocket programme, the reports added.

Amory's approval

The decision to cut back on the rocket programme was made with the full approval of Mr Denis Healey, Amory, its Chancellor of the Exchequer. Any change would also reverse programmes originated by Mr Duncan Sandys, the former Defence Minister who is now Aviation Minister, the reports said. Mr Sandys was a firm supporter of Britain's independent deterrent.

Most of the press reports said the decision that the Blue Streak had not so far produced the "definite results" warranted by the expenditure of £100 million.

The mass-circulation Daily Mirror said that the "obvious alternative to rocket-research is to buy either the weapons or the know-how from America, if such an arrangement can be reached.

"Some research costs, it is suggested, could be shared.

Negotiations

"Negotiations on this subject between Britain and America are believed to be already in progress," the Daily Mirror said. The Daily Mail said the decision had also been reached after Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, conferred with President Eisenhower at Camp David and obtained from him "guarantees that the U.S. would make available to Britain any weapons necessary to maintain her current military power which can no longer be developed in this country."

The Daily Mail also said the Blue Streak was "being cut off even before the first firing, due this summer, because it is no longer militarily supportable. Its fixed underground firing sites," the newspaper said, "would be hopelessly vulnerable to the accuracy of the latest Russian rockets."

The Daily Express said that the decision left the Government with five serious consequences:

No deterrent
"Britain will be without an effective independent deterrent to Russian attack between 1964, when the V-bombers will become ineffective, and 1969, when

a U.S. replacement for Blue Streak may be available.

"Britain will be deprived of any independent space research programme, for Blue Streak is the only British rocket capable of putting up a satellite.

"There will be unemployment at De Havillands and Rolls Royce, which are jointly responsible for developing the missile.

"Mr Duncan Sandys, who championed Blue Streak, is put into a most embarrassing political position. "It means a devastating let-down for the Australians," Reuter.

Vickers threatens foreclosure of U.S. airline

Washington, Apr. 12.

Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd., today told Capital Airlines here that it must pay \$11,981,000 (about £4,278,000) within three days towards the purchase of Viscount prop-jet planes or face foreclosure proceedings.

Mr Hugh R. H. Smith, a lawyer representing the British firm, announced in a press statement that the outstanding balance on Capital Airlines promissory notes in respect of Viscount purchases was \$33,042,000 (about £12,080,000) of which \$11,981,000 was overdue and \$14,550,500 (about £5,050,000) would become due within the next 12 months.

that will lead to a solution of its financial difficulties and make adequate provision for the promissory notes."

Mr David H. Baker, President of Capital Airlines, said in a statement later "although Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd has the legal right to commence proceedings leading to foreclosure, this action would require an extended period."

"Capital Airlines is hopeful that a satisfactory programme can be worked out to protect not only the holders of Vickers notes but the public interest and the interest of all other parties affected, without resorting to legal proceedings."

"This feeling is further reflected in the statement made today by Major General Sir Charles Dunphrie, Chairman of Vickers-Armstrongs, as saying foreclosure action under the mortgages was being taken with "extreme reluctance."

Capital is the fifth largest airline in the United States. It operates about 57 Viscounts, as well as a fleet of conventional planes.

Mr Smith said the airline had been told that Vickers-Armstrongs "was prepared to co-operate in any sound plan

of the House of Commons to decide differently from the Speaker if it wished."

Mr Edith Summerskill, a former Labour Minister, said "the House would accept your ruling."

But as the statement reflected adversely on the work of 25 women members of the House, could the editor of the paper (the Sunday Express) be asked to retract it next Sunday?

If it was a misquotation? The Speaker replied: "I hope I might be allowed to treat that matter as a personal one. I take full responsibility for what I have said. I think it wise that I should say no more."

China Mail Special.

Verwoerd lies wounded



With blood streaming through his fingers, South Africa's Premier, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, clasps his hands to his face as he slumps in his seat after being shot at in an assassination attempt at the Union Exposition in Johannesburg last Saturday. In the foreground is a cup the Premier was to have presented during the Exposition.—AP Photo.

'Police forced to open fire'

Vereeniging, Apr. 12.
A white police sergeant told the inquiry into the Sharpeville shooting here today that there was nothing else the police could do but fire when confronted by an "aggressive and unruly" crowd of Africans.

Sixty-seven Africans were killed and 168 wounded by the police in front of Sharpeville police station on March 21. Sergeant J. L. Grobler, who was in charge of the police station, said 10 to 150 police faced about 15,000 Africans. Some Africans brandished sticks and threw stones and the crowd pressed forward against the fence outside the police station.

NO WARNING

Sergeant Grobler said the wind was in the wrong direction for tear gas and that only one attempt was made to address the crowd by loudspeaker. No warning shots were fired. He said that during the shooting, which lasted about 20 seconds, some of the Africans at first still seemed to advance, then they all ran away.

FIRST WITNESS

Sergeant Grobler was the first witness to give evidence after the judge conducting the one-man inquiry dismissed an application for a postponement made yesterday by Mr H. Harrison, QC who is appearing for some of the dependants of those killed at Sharpeville.

The judge, Mr Justice P. J. Vessels, said that after anxious thought he was quite sure the inquiry should continue.—Reuter.

Roses will be theme of Royal wedding

London, Apr. 12.

'Roses, roses all the way' will be the theme of Princess Margaret's £20,000 wedding next month to Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones.

The rose will be in evidence everywhere for the occasion which will cost five times more than the wedding of her sister in November 1947.

The Minister of Public Works Lord John Hope said today that a 60 foot high triumphal arch of roses would be erected in the Mall, the broad avenue leading from Buckingham Palace to the Princess's home at Clarence House.

Great white poles garlanded with roses will be erected in front of Buckingham Palace while the Mall will be lined with enormous white banners embossed with the monogram "M.A." in letters of gold on the red tulle rose and surmounted by triple gold crowns.

Whitchurch, dominated by the cenotaph will be massed with hydrangeas and Flanders poppies. There will be flowers at every window.

Parliament Square will also be garlanded with roses, while the flowerbeds will be filled with red and gold tulips.

The cost of the flowers alone will be £3,000, Lord John Hope said.

Footnote: Princess Margaret has long dropped her second name 'Rose'. As a child she was always known as Princess Margaret Rose.—AP.

Plane crash

Rio De Janeiro, Apr. 12.
A DC-3 airliner crashed on landing at Pelotas in the State of Rio Grande Do Sul today. A number of those aboard were killed.—AP.

ACCIDENT VICTIM AWARDED DAMAGES

A woman who was injured in a car accident at Island Road, Repulse Bay last June 28 was awarded \$2,034.30 special damages and \$5,800 general damages by Mr Justice W. A. Blaz-Kerr in the Supreme Court this morning.

Damages were awarded to Mrs Elsie Clark of Tytam Villa, 30 Island Road, who sued the driver of another car involved in the accident, Mr Lai Ming-kwan of 10 Battery Street, 3rd floor, Kowloon.

Mr Lai was not present in court and was unrepresented.

Her physician, Dr Kenneth Charles Searle, told the court yesterday that the plaintiff spent five days in hospital after she failed to get better at home and her recovery was slow.

He said that Mrs Clark complained of bad eyesight which, in his opinion, was due to a brain injury, which he thought might continue for some years, or even for the rest of her life. The defendant was ordered to pay costs.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr A. Zimmerman, instructed by Mr L. C. Kotewall, of Wilkinson and Gribb.

Sir Harry rules in favour of his wife

London, Apr. 12.
The Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Harry Hilton-Foster, ruled today that remarks alleged to have been made by his wife about women politicians were not on the face of it a breach of parliamentary privilege.

A Labour member, Mr Emrys Hughes, raised the issue yesterday when he quoted a report in a Sunday newspaper that Lady Hilton-Foster had said she did not think women were well enough educated to become politicians.

He suggested this reflected on women MPs.

The Speaker said today: "The question for me is whether or not the article, or the

words therein, said to have been used by my wife constitute, prima facie, a contempt of this House . . . in my opinion they do not."

The Speaker went on: "I regret that in this matter duty requires me to be a judge in my wife's cause, which is my own, but I cannot, in the service of the House, on that account allow myself to create a wrong precedent."

"I take comfort in the knowledge that my ruling cannot in any way detract from the ancient and absolute right of this House to deal with such a matter precisely as it thinks fit."

He was referring to the right

of the House of Commons to decide differently from the Speaker if it wished."

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Bankrupt to millionaire, now to jail

Los Angeles, Apr. 12.

John R. Hendrickson, who in five years rose from a bankrupt plumber to a multi-millionaire, has a 25-year prison term ahead of him.

He was sentenced yesterday on being convicted of embezzling \$374,010 from the former Long Beach National Bank.

Lawyers say it's one of the biggest embezzlement cases in American banking history.

INVOLVED
It came to light when Mr George Albert Hewlett, 40, an official of the bank, committed suicide. He left notes involving Hendrickson, prosperous owner of half a dozen heating companies and a speculator in oil holdings.—AP.

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Rioting breaks out again in S. Korea

Seoul, Apr. 12. Rioting broke out at Masan again tonight and three policemen were injured by angry mobs several hundreds strong who stormed the City Hall, surrounded the police station and shouted anti-government slogans.

Cat who likes mice

Salon, Apr. 12. A cat that suckles mice instead of killing them is the talk of a village 80 miles from here.

The Vietnam Press Agency today reported that farmer Tieu was having difficulty moving around his cottage for the crowd of unbelievers who have come to see for themselves.

The cat lies there purring with all the pride of a mother while three young "mortal enemies" suck contentedly at her side. "It is a mystery to me," said farmer Tieu. "China Mail Special."

Two people had been killed and ten injured at Masan last night in clashes between the police and demonstrators. Tonight's rioting was finally brought under control after a three-hour-long demonstration.

DEFIED

The crowd which stormed the City Hall, destroyed office furniture there and burned documents.

The other mob, which surrounded the police station, defied warning shots fired by the police.

The demonstrators, completely ignoring the curfew clamped down by the police, demanded the punishment of "brutal" policemen who they alleged had tortured participants in the first riots four weeks ago.—AFP.

Out of touch

Bradford, Apr. 12. Bus driver Ken Davison, who has driven buses more than 300,000 miles, yesterday failed to pass his test for a licence to drive a motor scooter.—UPI.

PORTUGAL HAS RIGHT OF PASSAGE

The Hague, Apr. 12. The International Court of Justice ruled today that Portugal had right of passage to its two inland enclaves in India.

It also held that India was not in breach of international obligations by refusing this right since 1954 when Portugal lost control of them in uprisings.

The court also upheld Portugal's sovereignty over the villages of Dadra and Nagar Aveli—but said right of passage was limited to private people, officials and goods and did not include armed forces.

The case, one of the longest and most involved in the court's history, aroused great interest because it dealt with the last colonial possessions on the Indian sub-continent.

JUSTIFIED

Portugal brought the case in 1955 and asked the court to uphold her right of passage for private people, officials and armed forces, and to declare India in breach of international obligations by refusing it since 1954.

The court ruled that because of tension in the area caused by the uprisings, India had been justified under her right of regulation, in refusing passage.

Before giving its ruling today, the court rejected the last two of India's six objections to its jurisdiction in the case and announced it was competent.—Reuters.

Finds mother after lapse of 52 years

Adelaide, Apr. 12. An American electrical contractor has found his mother in Australia, whom he had believed was dead for 52 years.

It is Mr. John Purcell, who was reunited in Adelaide today with his aged mother.

Mr. Purcell said that in 1908 he lived with his parents and brother and sister in Liverpool, England.

"We didn't see our mother again and we were told she was dead," China Mail Special.

Ship crippled in Atlantic

Rio De Janeiro, Apr. 12. The Brazilian Navy Ministry said today it had received word that the Norwegian ship Mariken was crippled and taking in water 600 miles in the Atlantic off the coast of south-eastern Brazil.

The Ministry said the vessel reported taking water in her forward hold but did not know the cause of the damage or its seriousness.

A Brazilian corvette was scheduled to reach the Mariken sometime late today or tomorrow.—AP.

Biggest display of UK goods

New York, Apr. 12. The most comprehensive display of British goods ever seen outside Britain will be exhibited at New York Coliseum June 10-26. The importance to Britain of the exhibition is underscored by the willingness of Queen Elizabeth II and President Eisenhower to serve as its official patrons.

Britain already is the largest exporter to the U.S., selling more than \$1 billion in 1959. But the British are determined to raise this total and increase the number of items they sell to Americans.—UPI.



All smiles in Paris, where Moka Shearer (center) has just arrived to dance again for the first time since 1953. She will dance in one of the ballets which Roland Petit (left) is incorporating into a film which also stars his ballerina wife Zizi Jeanmaire (right).—Express Photo.

Missile-carrying U.S. jet makes longest flight

Miami, Fla., Apr. 12. A United States Strategic Air Command eight-jet Boeing B-52G bomber flew over the North Pole carrying two "Hound Dog" missiles early today, then returned and fired one of the missiles over the South Atlantic test range here after a 10,800-mile flight.

SPUTNIKS, LUNIKS BUT NO SUITS

London, Apr. 12. The Director of a Kharkov clothing store complained publicly in Russia today: "It is shameful that when our country can send Sputniks and Luniks into space... the ordinary man cannot buy himself a decent suit."

The director was taking part in a Moscow radio home service broadcast entitled, "Frankly Speaking," in which employees at his store condemned the "poor finish" of clothes.

They said there was a lack of proper lining and padding, unsuitable buttons and other tailoring defects in the suits sent them from the factory.

TOO SOON

The outfitters said during the broadcast that part of the cause was that factories had undertaken a programme of "production without rejects" too soon.

An employee at a clothing factory which supplies Kharkov's 850,000 people denied that the programme had been introduced too early. But she admitted they only had one kind of machine to sew both summer and winter clothes.

However, she herself had been "bitterly disappointed" when she went to buy her son a suit and found that the clothes made by her own factory were unsatisfactory.—Reuters.

Extra charge

Ottawa, Apr. 12. The House of Commons officials began charging an extra cent today on a 10-cent cup of coffee for customers who tendered an American 10-cent coin.

The cashier reluctantly accepted an American penny as the premium from her first customer.

The extra charge is due to a decision to discount American coinage under the current rate of exchange.—AP.

Same hours

Toronto, Apr. 12. Poundkeeper Ernest Leeds is under orders today to stagger the working hours of York township's two dogcatchers.

The city fathers ordered the change after learning both men worked the same hours and dog owners kept their pets off the streets until the dogcatchers were off duty.—UPI.

Violence in N. Rhodesia reported

London, Apr. 12. A flareup of violence in northern Rhodesia with beating and wounding of local Africans was reported today to a British Member of Parliament.

Labourite Member Brockway said he had received a cable stating: "Northern province maladministration. Beating, wounding, seizing arms from Africans. Situation tense. Demand compensation."

The cable was signed by A. Kaonga, acting leader of the United National Independence Party in northern Rhodesia which is administered by a legislative council and British governor.

LARGEST

The British colony has eight provinces of which the Northern is the largest geographically. Population of the remote area is 334,000.

Brockway said he is asking the British Colonial Office for information on events in the province and will also ask a parliamentary question.

He did not indicate if he would support Kaonga's demand for a commission of inquiry.—AP.

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Youth was shot accidentally, girl alleges

Hollywood, Apr. 12. Beverly Aadland, 17-year-old friend and travelling companion of the late Errol Flynn, admitted she had given an inaccurate account of the fatal shooting of a youth in her flat last week, police said today.

Police originally quoted her as saying the youth, William Sauer, had shot himself after robbing her. Police said today that she admitted after taking a lie detector test that Sauer had been shot accidentally as they scuffled playfully on her bed.

Set own trap

Wilmington, Apr. 12. Aubrey G. Purcell, 26, allowed himself to be finger-printed to help police sort prints in case they located his stolen car.

On Monday Purcell pleaded guilty to burglary after police matched his prints with those found at the scene of a burglary in 1957.—UPI.

Police said the girl was continuing to maintain that she had been raped.

"Billy the Kid" Stanciu, 20, died in hospital in Los Angeles on Sunday—24 hours after the incident in Miss Aadland's flat.

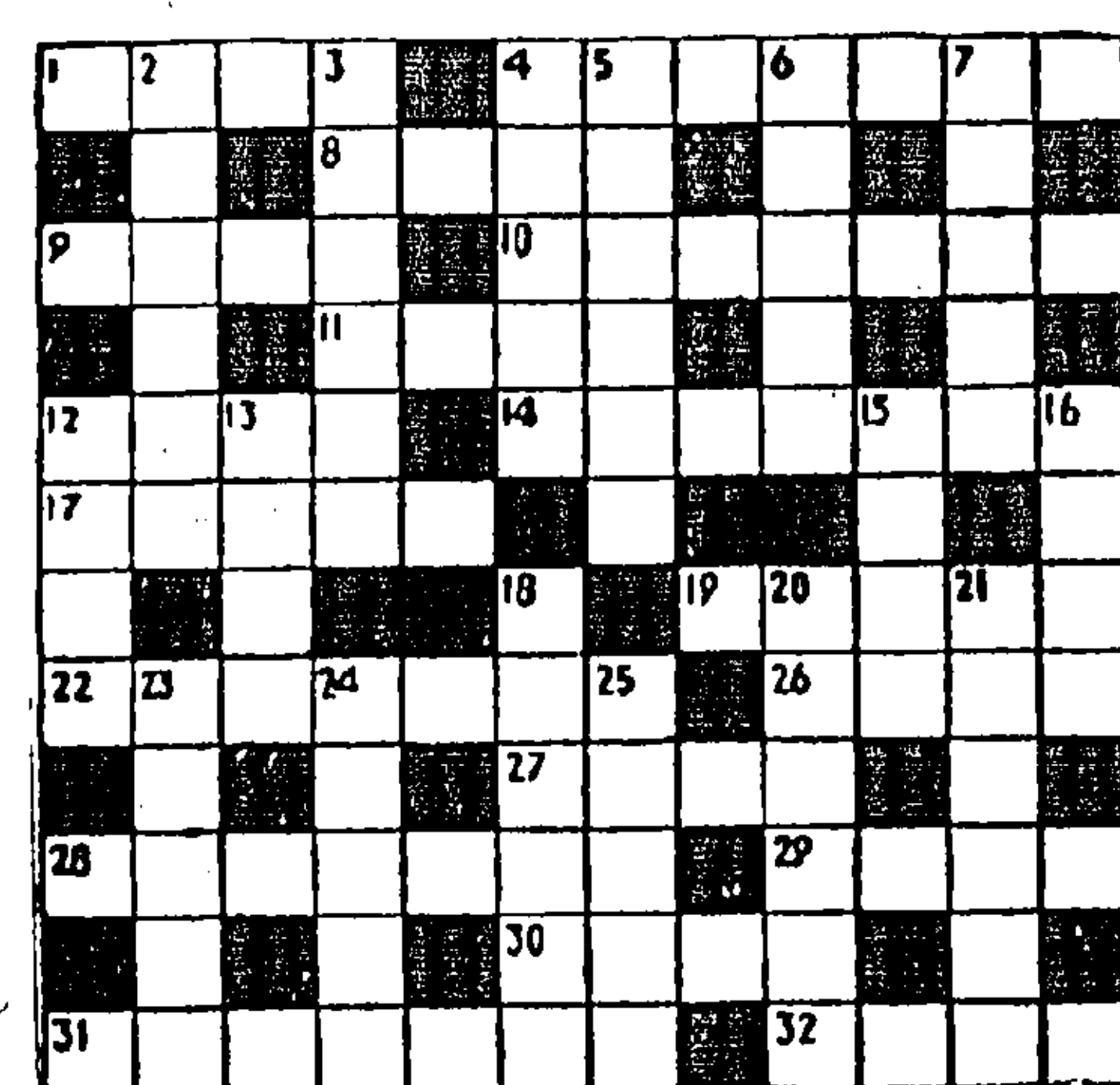
DETAINED

Miss Aadland is being held by police under a law allowing the detention of juveniles where there is "lack of supervision." She is due to appear in court tomorrow.

Police did not announce immediately whether any charges would be filed against Miss Aadland.

Her mother is in hospital.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Non-liquid lubricant (4).
- 4 Substitute course fabric by fine fabric (7).
- 8 Dirty look (4).
- 9 She has an impossible date! (4).
- 10 Not making progress—even with support? (7).
- 11 Competes with the last of the heavens (4).
- 12 A name among trumpeters (4).
- 14 They might be said to have some occupation (7).
- 17 Make reputation in harmony? (5).
- 20 Not a modern weapon (5).
- 22 No one paid their debts, but it's permitted (7).
- 27 Little Andrew (4).
- 28 Just the horse for Nora (4).
- 29 Standoffish quality (7).
- 30 Encourage a wagger (4).
- 31 Schoolboy's limit (4).
- 32 Lady of rank (7).

DOWN

- 2 It's lucky at holding a super (6).
- 3 Like a Satanic hoof (6).
- 4 He's revolting! (5).
- 5 Removed from the record (6).
- 6 Approves of (5).
- 7 Ocean craft? In a way (5).
- 12 Repetitive pop (4).
- 13 To many it's really hard work (4).
- 15 A team's uniform finish (4).
- 16 Nimble (4).
- 18 Russian distances (6).
- 20 Canal half-filled by one vessel (6).
- 21 Advice to follow if there is to be no falling off (6).
- 23 Dirty money? (5).
- 24 He's certainly got something (5).
- 25 Physics (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Governor, 5 Seeds, 8 Easel, 9 Rascal, 10 Naked, 11 Duck, 12 Even, 13 Term, 14 P-a-god-a, 15 Teller, 20 Abate, 22 Neva, 23 Hares, 25 Mavis, 26 Relish, 27 Cedar, 28 Chess, 29 Leased, Down: 1 Garden-in, 2 Vendetta, 3 Reed & Natural, 5 Senator, 6 Elated, 7 Trues, 14 Hare-bits, 16 Encashed, 18 Pleases, 17 General, 19 Ethical, 21 Brash, 24 Serv.

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New heiress disappears FAILS TO RETURN AFTER WEEKEND

Yonkers, N.Y., Apr. 12.
Sarah Lawrence College's English-born heiress has disappeared from class and campus and college officials don't know where to find her.

She is 21-year-old Joannah Felicity Touchet Clifton, who learned last Friday that she was bequeathed an estate of one to four million dollars by Mrs. Arthur Whitney.

Mrs. Whitney, who died, on February 8, took the girl under her wing after Joannah fled to this country as a child to escape the World War II London blitz.

Signed out

Sarah Lawrence spokesman said today of Joannah:

"We only know that she signed out for the weekend on Friday and listed her destination as New Jersey. We have been in contact with relatives of the late Mrs. Whitney in New Jersey but they have no idea of her whereabouts."

Joannah needn't fear any immediate suspension, however. The spokesman said, depending on her grades, she could be absent for a couple of weeks at least and still pick up where she left off—AP.

WARNING TO WOULD-BE TYCOONS

Oxford, Apr. 12.

Industrialist Sir Wilfrid Anson warned a meeting of preparatory school teachers here against American books about ruthless big business methods.

"Some," he declared, "describe how a business tycoon rises to the top by a ruthless disregard of everything except his own career."

"That may or may not be a true picture of the things a few disreputable men in America may do, but I doubt it even that is true. It is certainly not true of this country."

"I would not advise any able and ambitious young man who goes into industry in this country to try to model his career on the examples he finds in such books."

Sir Wilfrid is President of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools.—China Mail Special.

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Socialite released from jail

London, Apr. 12.
The High Court today ordered the release of Michael "Dandy" Kim Caborn-Waterfield, 30-year old London socialite who had been held to await extradition to France.

He had appealed against his detention on an extradition warrant to serve a four-year sentence passed by a French court in his absence for allegedly taking part in 1956 in a £25,000 robbery at the Riviera villa of Mr Jack Warner, Hollywood film magnate.

Three High Court judges, giving their decision today, said the order committing him to prison to await extradition was invalid because it described him as an "accused" and not a "convicted" person. — China Mail Special.

Gypsy king dies

London, Apr. 12.
Thousands of picturesque gypsies from all over Britain gathered at Cold Harbour, Warrminster, in blustering weather, to see the funeral pyre of Noah Barney, aged 89, king of the West Country gypsies.

On his funeral bed he had told his eldest daughter: "Burn my caravan. Put my pony 'Daisy' to sleep."

A silent crowd of his tribe followed his coffin from the market place to the little parish church where Noah was laid to rest beside his wife, buried there 12 years ago.

They took his red and yellow caravan, the "Jolly Roger," and set it ablaze with all the rest of his simple belongings.

Then it was the turn of "Daisy," the eight-year-old chestnut pony which had pulled the caravan throughout the length and breadth of the country.

They led her from the field where she had been grazing to the side of a waiting six-foot grave.

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Cross-U.S. walk starts

San Francisco, Apr. 12.
Two British sergeants began a cross-America walk at dawn today by wotting their shoes in the Pacific Ocean.

By the time they reach the Atlantic shore, more than two months from now, they hope to have bettered a 34-year-old record by a week or nine days.

RAF Pte Sgt Patrick Moloney, 34, and Army Staff Sgt Mervyn Evans, 35, set off on their 3,032-mile walk after dipping their feet in the Pacific surf at the south pier of the Golden Gate bridge.

They hope to cover the distance in 70 days. The existing record, set in 1926, is 79 days, 10 hours, 10 minutes.

Dr Barbara Moore, the long-distance walker, arrived in New York by sea today and left soon afterwards by air for the West Coast to start walking back across the country tomorrow.

RUSSIAN-BORN

Dr Moore, Russian-born wife of a British sculptor, Mr Harry Moore met more than 50 reporters and photographers aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

Told of the plans of the two Servicemen to make a similar transcontinental walk, she expressed surprise.

"This is the first I've heard of them. I wish all this small fry wouldn't just copy me. However, I wish them luck," she said.

She estimated that her cross-country hike would take her 45 to 50 days, and estimated the distance at about 2,200 miles. She said she plans to sleep in the open during what she described as the desert phase of her trip, and in hotels or motels in populated areas.

GRASS JUICES

Grass juices will be her mainstay, she said, but she would also eat raw fruit and vegetables. She never ate meat or fish, she said, and avoided cooked foods and starches.

"I know I'll run short of grass in some areas," she said. "So I brought along four boxes of my own special juices." — Reuter.

Jebb chooses title

Paris, Apr. 12.
Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British Ambassador to France, who was recently made a baron by the Queen, is to be known as Lord Gladwyn. It was officially announced today.

Lord Gladwyn, who is due to leave the Foreign Service in September after six years as Ambassador in Paris, will be succeeded by Sir Pierson Dixon, Britain's permanent representative to the United Nations.—China Mail Special.

Memorial service

London, Apr. 12.
Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister, today attended a memorial service in London for his mother-in-law, the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire.

The Duchess, who died early this month aged 89, was a daughter of the fifth Marquess of Lansdowne, a former British Viceroy in India.—China Mail Special.

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SYDNEY BRETT—ANGEL WITH A WHITE ROLL

I DON'T quite know how he's escaped so far. But Sydney Brett, man of property and newly canonised theatrical angel, has never before appeared in the columns of a newspaper. Until now, though he's done newsworthy things, he has been a print virgin.

This is his debut and I'll try to make it reasonably auspicious. "It's not," he told me, "because I'm a shy, retiring man. (I could see that at first glance for myself.) I haven't been hiding away and trying to be alone.

"Still, at the same time I've never gone out to look for publicity. I've been too busy. "If you're going to write about me and my affairs, I'd rather you put the emphasis on the show I'm backing."

Dutifully I report that it is the reason "Look What's Here" at London's Fortune Theatre.

He went on: "I'm not really interested in what you say about me. I don't care even if it's unflattering. In fact, I'd be amused if it were."

editors to correct his spelling), a word test.

The longest word was television. It was the only one he spelled correctly.

ICE BATTLE

I have a story about another man of property. Mr Charles Clore, who is no print virgin.

The other night he visited a London night club with a party of friends. During the cabaret provided by a singer called Helso Motra, Mr Clore continued talking to his friends, who included a few attractive ladies.

At a nearby table sat a party of South Americans, all fans of Mr Motra, who is also South American. One of them, a young man from Venezuela, asked Mr Clore to keep quiet.

Mr Clore did not. The Venezuelan asked again. Mr Clore ignored him again.

The Venezuelan took some ice cubes from his glass and threw them at Mr Clore. He stood up, aiming himself with ice cubes.

They glared at each other and advanced to battle. The Venezuelan jumped up on the banquet table to gain a commanding strategic position. Mr Clore jumped up too. At close range they hurled more ice and good alcohol at each other.

Just below them sat a young hand - holding couple. Much romance-dampening ice and alcohol descended on them.

When the Venezuelan squared up for fist to fist fighting Mr Clore decided to withdraw. A dignified decision.

He left the club. The cabaret started again with Mr Motra singing in a slightly higher pitch.

I think it's relevant to mention that the club is called The Black Sheep.

SIGHTS OF LONDON: A young man in a West End hotel bar wearing a dinner-suit and a pair of spotless white gloves. One begloved hand held a cellophane-wrapped bouquet for the lady he awaited. The other held his drink. I overheard him say that he thought white gloves should always be worn with evening dress. He seemed otherwise sane and normal.

EXTROVERT

I claim a certain skill and experience in writing unflattering portraits. But not even I can do it in the case of Sydney Brett.

He's an immediately likeable extrovert with a Falstaffian roundness and a glowing complexion - a few shades lighter than a good healthy port. He looks honest, and I imagine he is as honest as a property tycoon can be.

He started his career as an architect, but he gave up the profession to concentrate on expanding the small property business founded by his father. Now he has a vast brick-and-mortar empire in London and the Southern Counties.

"I don't know exactly what all my interests are worth. I don't like being called a millionaire. But I'm certainly a rich man and if you want to check just phone my bankers."

With his wife and two daughters he lives in a £25,000 mansion at Addington, with two swimming pools and a tennis court, and a golf course (not owned by him) at the bottom of the garden.

He commutes to his London office in a porcelain-white Rolls-Royce which has all the amenities, including a well-stocked portable bar.

THE BACKER

It was another Rolls-Royce that first brought Mr Brett into show business recently. He went to buy one offered for sale by Peter Sellers. He left with the Rolls and a share in the current Sellers film "Battle of the Sexes."

Trustingly, he allowed me to drive the new Rolls from the West End to a riverside club. With only the ticking of the clock to compete with his voice, he said:—

"Shortly after I invested in the film I met the producer of the revue, Charlie Ross, and decided to have a fling in the theatre. I like to back people, not just ideas, and I think Ross has a big future.

"I think I'm ready to tackle bigger things. I've sort of served my apprenticeship. At least I've made it my business to find out about the money set-up. The finances of the film world aren't quite so bad. But the theatre is chaos. Chinese chaos. Still I'm usually lucky and I might manage to be an angel who won't lose money. I haven't so far. Maybe I never will."

Since this is the Brett debut in print I'd like to agree. But no one is that lucky. Not even a lucky cockney.

STORY with a frightening moral for all parents: I gave my nine-year-old son, who's also called Logan (but who has no sub-

I want to see Hongkong!

FOR the first time in five years JEAN SIMMONS is back in Britain... in London, where she was born, and where she lived for 21 years. But now she is an American citizen and lives with her husband Stewart Granger on a farm in Arizona. Has America changed the girl to whom it gave world stardom? Here, in a talk with JOHN CRUESEMANN, she gives an intimate opinion...

I CAN say what I think now. I feel I've grown up. When I left England in 1950 to go to Hollywood and to be married to Stewart Granger I was a very young twenty-one. At that age most girls are already mature, married, and often mothers too.

From the age of 14 I had worked in a film studio, and that is not the place for learning about life. You are insulated from the world outside. Talk is almost exclusively about pictures. People are mirroring themselves both on and off the set.

Of course life was marvellous, and the money was lovely. But let's be quite clear about this. Film-making is a pretence, and you don't grow up when you are pretending.

I long for —

Things were done for me. People were fluttering. I was always the baby of the group.

I got spoiled. I never had to cope. So in a way I never spread my wings. I was never able to find out what the reality of being a young woman was like.

It is difficult to say what exactly I miss about England, because growing up in a country has an intangible effect on you. The feel of England, yes its very smell, stays.

What I long for most in California, land of perpetual spring, are the four seasons.

I love rain, and you don't get that wonderful feeling you do in London when a sudden beautiful day is heaven.

The ranch

Maybe now I've become a little bolder because I am a mother of a girl gushing four and making decisions for someone else gives me a sense of responsibility I've not had before, so that I feel a woman in my own right.

Of course in some ways American women have an easier time, their homes are gadget-run mostly.

I would say half the married women in America work, and though in Britain now many more wives work than 40 years ago even, this business of work-

by JEAN SIMMONS

ing wives has gone on longer and goes deeper over there.

The great difference seems to be that American married women literally get out of their homes to meet other people because they want to.

Now in England most women want to stay at home, waiting for their husbands at night-time with the dinner ready.

Travel

True, American women appear to be the dominant figures in their own homes, but I don't think they want to be really.

Deep down they seem to be disappointed that they can get away with it. After all any woman wants to be dominated.

When we are not working at the studios we spend all our time working up our ranch. It is like a big farm really. And it is not just a pastime but a passion. So we are not bored, as we used to be, spending all our time in Hollywood.

There you simply meet other film people all the time. You never somehow get away from pictures. A sort of ingrained culture exists.

At least in England there is no film colony as exclusive as all that.

But a word of warning—I do not wish to pontificate about the American way of life; after all,



JEAN SIMMONS... IN LONDON.

would be, that it was there we made our money, it seemed the best and indeed the proper thing to do. We felt we wanted to take our part in and vote as citizens of the land we were in.

But this does not diminish our love for the country of our birth. Mind you, there were some cracks. The English colony in Los Angeles resented it.

Well, they have a right to say what they like, but, after all, they too are living the fine life in America.

And there was another, more compelling reason — our child was born American. Tracy we call her — after one of the Americans we love and admire the most, Spencer Tracy.

The future

I have thought a lot about Tracy's education. I want her to travel, and possibly have some schooling, say, in Switzerland. And now this may sound pompous, I want her to become a woman able to cope with things. If you take a 14-year-old girl here and in America it's the American girl who usually scores.

The most important thing surely for a woman is her aim and object in life to be appreciated as a woman. I agree that some American women are not feminine. But by and large their freedom in growing up is more vivid and vital.

As for me, I work in films, so to a large extent I live in an artificial atmosphere with blinkers on.

And yet I love it. I am a terrible "ham" really. I enjoy my work.

(London Express Service).

THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S GOD

by ANTHONY LEJEUNE

WHEN I flew to Ghana a few weeks ago I was frankly doubtful whether the situation there could really be as black as it seemed from London. Now I've seen for myself and I have to report that in some ways it's even worse. "People here are afraid to talk," I said to one of the British civil servants who remain in Ghana like unhappy, stranded white fish.

"Yes," he admitted reluctantly, "but not very."

"Not very"—yet. That about sums it up: sums up the embarrassed attitude of these Englishmen, like parents who know their children are misbehaving but don't want other people to say so; and sums up Nkrumah's dictatorship, which is not yet a complete dictatorship, but is fast heading that way.

'Nice way'

A taxi driver in Accra put it brutally: "One mistake here," he said, "and you finish."

I fully admit that British-style parliamentary democracy is not a suitable form of government for illiterate, three-quarter-pagan African States.

But I echo what Joe Appah, one of the few remaining unexiled, unjailed Opposition leaders, told Nkrumah: "Kwame," I said to him, "there is a nice way of being a dictator and a nasty way. Why you not be a nice dictator?"

Kwame Nkrumah is not being a nice dictator at all.

Strong squad

For instance, after talking to several Ghanaian lawyers, I'm left with no doubt that the courts of law are corrupt. The judicial office is going to members of Nkrumah's party, the C.P.P., and the courts blandly give inconsistent judgments in consecutive sittings according to whether the prisoner is a Government or an Opposition supporter.

Then there is the Builders' Brigade. This is a uniformed, disciplined organisation ostensibly for the public construction and the relief of unemployment. But

in spite of Government denials it is certainly being used as the C.P.P.'s strong-arm squad. When these boys arrive in their green trucks at a political meeting, it means trouble.

Sometimes the police arrest a few of them: the courts hardly ever convict.

The C.P.P. — it stands for Convention Peoples Party — is everywhere. Increasingly if you want a job you have to be a C.P.P. member. This makes for massive corruption and incompetence.

The colonial system of District Commissioners, which was abolished on independence, is now to be restored — to provide nice jobs for aspiring C.P.P. gauleiters.

Ju-ju

The whole Civil Service is soon to be drawn into the net. Nkrumah is quite frank about this. "It is most inappropriate," he says, "that this chief manifestation of government should be separated from the party."

So in future all Civil Service appointments and promotions will stem from him.

He defends himself with the classic tyrant's argument that since he embodied the will of the people, any dictatorship would be a dictatorship of the people.

The Ghana Evening News prints a column in pidgin English which regularly refers to him quite seriously as "Man Big Brudder de Right Honourable Kwame Nkrumah."

Big Brother, indeed. On the base of Nkrumah's statue which be "deserved" to have erected outside Parliament House is carved his own golden saying:

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THIS IS OUR GREAT MESSIAH
Front page of Nkrumah's own newspaper, headlining the "Black Messiah in the hour of transfiguration."

"Seek ye first the political kingdom and all else shall be added unto you."

This is said by his disciples to be the key doctrine of "Nkrumahism." It is typical of the unhealthy brew which Nkrumah's party is boiling up: a mixture of Western demagoguery and phony mysticism plus a dash of old-fashioned African ju-ju worship.

Certainly Ghana is making rapid material progress, but much of it was initiated before the British left, and much it would have happened under any Government. And Ghana's prosperity is precarious.

Nkrumah is squandering vast sums on triumphal arches and stadiums and huge ministries.

He cannot afford any failure in the cocoa crop, on which Ghana's entire economy depends.

Dark star

Ghana will soon be small beer compared not only with newly independent Nigeria but with the rapidly growing community of ex-French States which completely surround her. Nkrumah has alienated the sympathy of other African leaders.

They look with disfavour on his imperial ambitions. But they are not afraid. Their hands are much stronger than his.

But for the troubled continent of Africa as a whole Ghana is important, very important. If you were a European living in Rhodesia or Kenya or South Africa and you saw what was happening in Ghana, how would it affect you?

I know how it would affect me. I would either head for the nearest airline and buy a one-way ticket home for me and my family or head for the nearest shop and buy a gun, determined to fight it out to the last.

One of the bitterest and most valid charges which intelligent Ghanaians level at Nkrumah is that he has discredited African nationalism.

The black star of Ghana has become a dark star indeed. And it was British folly which brought it into being.

It may be too late now to do anything for Ghana, but it is not too late to learn a few lessons and to apply them elsewhere.

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE



PICTURE BY MICHAEL BOYS

The White Collar Worker

THE job-switching season is on us again, and the white-collar worker is lured from all sides.

SHE'S WOODED by bosses from all points of the globe with the best-of-office-everything. With luncheon vouchers, powder rooms, longer holidays, shorter hours, bigger bonuses, fatter wage packets. (My secretary says she hasn't noticed it.)

SHE'S MARRIED by the man who finds her average weekly pay packet in the top bracket a pretty healthy

inducement to the perilous business of matrimony. (My secretary says she hasn't noticed it.)

SHE'S DRESSED by manufacturers who know what she wants to wear, when she wants to wear it, and what she's prepared to pay. This year there's the best collection of around-the-clock, around-the-office clothes I've seen in many a working day.

LEFT: Boss-class dress in navy blue pure silk. White linen cuffs look super-

efficient. Super-practical too—they come off for laundering. By Sambo.

CENTRE: For the office where the boss likes "a bit of colour about the place," a tartan printed cotton dress (basic shades: blue, tan, or red) with a huge Puritan pique collar. By Bijou.

RIGHT: All-the-year-round dress in grey flannel, iced with a white choir-girl collar, easy with a full skirt. By Blanes.

SPRING FESTIVAL OF REDEMPTION — JEWISH PASSOVER

by Jeanne Lesem in New York

THE aroma of good cooking that wafts from a Jewish kitchen quickens at Passover, the spring festival of redemption that is the oldest festival of this faith.

Or so it always seemed to me as a child growing up on traditional Jewish dishes.

As in many modern Jewish families, our year-round diet contained foods other than those prepared under rabbinical supervision and endorsement. So special Passover dishes were a treat for me during the eight-day holiday period that for this year began yesterday.

Even such familiar foods as chicken soup with knaidlach (silver dollar-size dumplings of matzo meal and eggs), chopped chicken liver, and kreplach (meat-filled noodle dough) in soup or gravy tasted extra good.

The biggest Passover dietary change was the substitution of

unleavened matzos for bread and any baked goods containing leavened flour, and the use of matzo meal (the consistency and appearance of white corn meal) in baking and cooking. Both meal and matzos—thin flat wafers about 6½-inches square—were a reminder of the exodus from Egypt, when the children of Israel fled in such haste that they had to bake bread before the dough had time to rise.

The seder

Although matzos and meal are used all year, the unleavened Passover variety is prepared specially for the occasion. And at our house, my ordinary scorn of breakfast would vanish at the prospect of matzo brie, matzos soaked in water, then squeezed dry and scrambled with eggs.

The most festive meal of the holiday is the Seder, meaning the order of events making the ritual of the evening. Orthodox and Conservative Jewish families observe Seders on the first two nights of Passover; Reform Jews, only the first night.

Ours always had the air of a family reunion, although the

two- or three families who celebrated together saw one another almost daily.

Cooking was a co-operative affair, with my mother's gelite fish (egg-shaped fish balls, usually served cold in their own aspic with a dish of horseradish) a special favourite.

But with typical childish dislike of unusual flavours, my tastes ran more to pot roast or chicken, relishes and desserts. Particularly if mother's dill pickles, chopped chicken liver or matzo meal macaroons were available. Both sponge and walnut cakes also were favourites, sometimes served with canned fruit.

"Feel" of food

Reproducing such dishes today is not easy, especially when you're guided by the appearance or "feel" of food instead of scientific measurements. My only attempt at translating mother's gelite fish recipe into measured terms was disastrous (the fish balls disintegrated in the stock).

How to prepare chicken livers

Chopped chicken liver is a popular Passover dish. Sauté ¼ cup of finely chopped onion until softened but not brown in 2 tablespoons of rendered chicken fat. Drain and reserve onion. Sauté ½ pound of chicken livers in the fat until well done or use an equal amount of livers cooked in chicken broth. Chop finely with onions and 2 hard-cooked eggs or blend livers, eggs, and onions in blender. Season with ¼ teaspoon of salt and pepper to taste and moisten with additional chicken fat, to achieve spreading consistency.

Rupert and the Windies—53



Now Rupert really is in a panic. The little plane answers no longer to any of the controls. It rushes ahead despite all he does to change its direction or speed, and when it swoops down steeply through a thick cloud he shuts his eyes and waits. Then he opens them and stares around him. The plane has glided to a stop on the grass. Near by is the Goliwog grinning up at him. "Well, you've had your wish," says Goliwog. "Did you enjoy it? He-he, never mind. You needn't trouble to answer me, Rupert."

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LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A congenial atmosphere created with a few kind remarks will help you over an awkward situation.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If you feel that a recently made friend needs more time to understand you, make it a point to see him more frequently.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A person of the opposite sex may at first seem very glamorous and desirable to you, but wait and see if you feel the same after a number of meetings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Some extra work around the house ought to be done gradually and without endangering your health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Information which you asked for may not prove very reliable and you should get a second opinion before acting upon it.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): An unexpected windfall will make you much happier if you attempt to share it with one particular member of your family.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Not having shown exactly the best judgement in the choice of a friend, learn by your mistake and be more careful in future.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A sudden problem, if approached quietly and without undue excitement, will be easier to solve than you feared.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): In your desire to please you may be inclined to forget the extent of your financial obligations and spend more on a friend than you can afford.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Try and avoid voicing your opinions too freely among people who are not sufficiently open-minded to be interested in another's point of view.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Only by using the utmost tact will you be able to convince an associate that his intended protest to a superior will do nobody any good.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Postpone the purchase of an article which you wanted, as you may soon find that you will have no more use for it.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the TEN of DIAMONDS.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Call From Blinky

—He Wants To Know What Time It Is—

By MAX TRELL

THE secret telephone behind the curtain started ringing. It was a remarkable telephone. After it had rung for a second or two it started calling out.

"Answer me! Answer me!" it called.

Knarf and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, both shouted:

"Here we come!"

"Hurry up!" said the telephone. "I'm not going to keep on ringing all day!"

It was really a remarkable telephone. There wasn't another like it in the whole world.

Judy heard it

By this time everyone else in the room heard the telephone.

Mr Punch, who was taking a nap in his rocking chair by the window, heard it.

"I'm coming!" he cried, jumping up.

His wife Judy, who was knitting by his side, also heard it.

"I'm coming, I'm coming!" she said, as she stuffed the thing she was knitting into her sewing basket and ran toward the telephone.

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, came crawling out from under the sofa.

All ran

"Here I come!" he shouted. Mary-Jane, the Rag Doll, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, and Miss Gloria, the beautiful China Doll, and General Tin, the Tin Soldier, cried:

"Here we come! Don't go away!"

They all ran from different parts of the room toward the telephone.

Everybody reached the telephone at the same time—all except Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, who tripped over a bump in the carpet and fell flat on his face. He reached the telephone about a minute later.

"It's about time you got here," the telephone said to Teddy.

Remarkable thing

Now there was another remarkable thing about this magic telephone. Everyone could answer it at the same time. It didn't matter how many people wanted to answer it, there was room for them all!

Knarf and Hanid and Mr Punch and Judy and Miss Gloria and Mary-Jane and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, all shouted:

"Hello!" They just stood around the telephone and talked.

"Hello there!" a voice answered back. The voice came out of the telephone. It sounded loud and clear.

"Who is it?" everybody asked.

The voice on the other end of the telephone answered that it was Blinky Mole.

"Hello, Blinky," said everybody. "What do you want?"

"What I want to know is this," said Blinky. "I tell asleep. I don't know what time it is. I'd like to know the time."

Knarf looked at the clock and said:

"It's half-past ten o'clock."

Not that time

"No, no, no," said Blinky over the telephone. "I mean, thank you very much, but that isn't the time I mean."

Knarf looked puzzled.



"I'm in my bedroom," said Blinky over the telephone.

"But that's the time it is, Blinky."

"Yes," said everybody else in the room, also looking at the clock. "That's the time it is, Blinky."

"There isn't any different time," said Teddy.

"Oh, yes, there is," said Blinky.

Hanid suddenly smiled.

Hanid knows

"Of course there is, Blinky dear. And I know exactly the kind of time you mean."

"Do you, dear child?" asked Blinky over the telephone.

"It's Wintertime," said Hanid. "That's what time it is!"

"Thank you," said Blinky. "I thought it might be Springtime. I'm down in my bedroom under the roots of the apple tree. I can't see outside because all my windows are covered. But I thought perhaps I had slept so long that now it was Springtime."

"No," said everybody. "It's still half-past Wintertime."

"I'm going back to sleep," Blinky said. "Good-bye."

And everybody, even the telephone, said:

"Good-bye, Blinky! Pleasant dreams."



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JACOBY on BRIDGE

"WHEN better defensive plays are made, I'll make them," said the unlucky expert. "But it won't do me any good. My partner will be there to nullify them."

The unlucky expert had every right to sound a trifle bitter. He had opened the king of spades and shifted to the queen of clubs. This club shift should have beaten the hand and was the only lead that could beat it, but as the unlucky expert said, his partner was there to fix him. South drew trumps and tried the diamond finesse. It lost to

♥♦CARD SENSE♦♥

The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♠ 2♥ Pass 4♥
Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠KQ75 ♠32 ♠AQ1064
What do you do?
A—Pass or bid six hearts. The six heart bid is a gamble, but if you are slam minded this is no time for super-science.

TODAY'S QUESTION
East opens one spade. You, South, hold:
♠KJ4 ♠AQ65 ♠K22 ♠K105
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 27			
♠87	♠3	♠K74	♠K74
♥KJ94	♥K74	♥KJ106	♥KJ106
♦K75	♦K75	♦K75	♦K75
WEST			
♠AKQ52	♠3	♠K74	♠K74
♥K75	♥K74	♥K74	♥K74
♦KJ4	♦K74	♦K74	♦K74
SOUTH (D)			
♠QJ104	♠K74	♠K74	♠K74
♥KJ1052	♥K74	♥K74	♥K74
♦K75	♦K74	♦K74	♦K74
♠A10	♠K74	♠K74	♠K74
Both vulnerable			
South West North East	1♥	1♠	3♥
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠K			

East's king and then all East needed to do was to lead a low club to let his partner in, but East had no desire to play partnership defence. He asked his king of clubs and had no spade to lead. South got rid of his last three spades on dummy's diamonds.

I can't blame the unlucky expert for being aggrieved. His shift to the queen of clubs at trick two had been brilliant indeed.

MAKING NONSENSE OF THE WORLD FOOTBALL CUP

By ARCHIE QUICK

The other day Italy's "Under 23" eleven beat Spain 3-0 at Palermo, and all three goals were scored by Mazzola, the centre-forward who less than two years ago was leading the Brazilian attack in the World Cup series in Sweden!

He was helped in his "hat-trick" by inside-right Angellio, who was in the Argentine team that won the South American Championship in 1957.

Both these players are expected to be chosen for Italy in the World Cup competition of 1962 in Chile, reinforced by two more Argentinian forwards, Maschio and Sivori.

Indulgent laws

All this is quite permissible under the indulgent laws of the International Federation, for each of the players has some distant Italian origin. Their grandparents emigrated and they hold Italian passports and have double nationality. The same holds for Eddie Finney, who used to be with Charlton Athletic, except that he was born in South Africa.

This is not new in Italy. Ricagni, of Argentine, and

Schiavino, of Uruguay, were hardly off the boat from South America before they were playing in the Italian national side; indeed Schiavino turned out for Italy against Argentina in Rome only six months after representing Uruguay in the 1954 World Cup final.

FIFA has laid it down that a player must wait three years after he has represented one country before he can play for another, but this rule was made on the basis of Mazzola and Angellio's recent appearances for their adopted country.

Even further

The Spaniards go even further; they naturalise foreign players without a drop of Iberian blood in their veins. It started with centre-half Kabaia, who came from behind the Iron Curtain 10 years ago after playing for both his native Hungary and Czechoslovakia. At Hungary's insistence, FIFA

banned him and Italy would not play him, but Barcelona signed him and, with the Spanish FA's support, defied the ban. FIFA weakly submitted as they have done in the recent instance. Kabaia became naturalised, and played for Spain, as Di Stefano (Argentine) and Kocsis, Puskas and Czibor, all of Hungary's greatest eleven, have done since.

A farce

So World Cup eligibility is a farce, and the Olympic Games rules are in not much better shape. The Russians, Hungarians and Bulgarians do not officially practise professionalism. But Russia, by some strange ruling, will not be allowed to field their full national side at Rome because the bar has been put up to all their players who took part in the last World Cup finals. Yet this leaves the door open for the Bulgarians who did not reach the finals.

The Italians have thought up a brand new idea for the Olympics too.

Under their FA rules no player can become a professional until he is 21 years old. So they will pick their team exclusively with young First and Second Division professionals. At the Olympics, if you please, while the "amateur" Russians are ruled out.

Ban called for

In the Italian Games' side, therefore, there is likely to be right-back Castano and left-winger Corra, both of whom have played for their country in international matches. The Olympic team will almost certainly include three Milan first-teamers, so the whole thing becomes farcical.

It can only be tickled in the context of the Games as a whole, but the sooner a World Cup ban is placed on any footballer representing more than one country the better.

Pau Motor Grand Prix on Easter Monday

Pau, Apr. 12. One of the toughest automobile races, the 248 kilometre (154 miles) Pau Grand Prix counting towards the Car Makers' World Championship takes place here on Easter Monday, April 18.

The race-packed field includes Australia's world champion Jack Brabham, who won the Brussels Grand Prix on April 10, and runner-up in this last race, France's Maurice Trintignant. Brabham will drive a Cooper and Trintignant a Cooper Climax. Constant expert gear changing over the 30 laps of arduous town roads will replace the usual top speeds of Grand Prix driving, taxing both the drivers and their racers to the utmost.—AP.

Motocross champion



Photo shows David Dickers of Britain, on a Grievos two-stroke, winning the European Motocross Championship (250 cc). Eleven countries sent teams to this year's event, held recently at Troy, in Switzerland.—London Express photo.

Tedious

Blessed with wide tactical experience, he never forced this on his two captains, at times prepping the players and giving them a necessary taste of pre-war discipline, he commanded their respect.

The perfect diplomat, he walked the nightmarish tight-rope of race relations with apparent ease.

So I regret his already expressed decision not to take the next party to Australia. England will be sorry if he does not change his mind.

What cricket needs now is some sort of brainwashing from the men at the top. Gamesmanship and deliberate lolling need immediate scotching. Slow cricket is not necessarily bad cricket, but there must be no further fall in the number of overs bowled per hour.

I suggest that, at home at least, the number of overs bowled each day should be sent to Lord's and the captains and umpires be asked to explain their tedious offerings if the number does not reach a certain minimum.

England have been the bigger offenders on the tour in the bowling of slow overs, the West Indians in "bumper" blitzes.

One ex-West Indian cricketer defended excessive bumpers by telling me that bowlers have no chance on the pitches there unless they resort to this terrorism.

'Urgent'

A suggestion to end it is to call "no-ball" if the delivery lands in the bowler's half.

It would be far simpler and more effective to enforce the present law.

The success of Cowdrey's captaincy prompts another suggestion: that May and Cowdrey could share the leadership on tours, each taking a full series.

Cowdrey proved far more astute than I expected; the change-over could have upset any side, but did not.

When he arrived in England ahead of the main party, Cowdrey, loyal as ever, gave credit to May for starting "this young side, which I think did extremely well. We want him back urgently."

'This is the life'



Marcel Cerdan II, 16-year-old son of the former French and world middleweight champion killed in a plane crash over North Africa, last week fought and won his first bout in the professional ring against a Parisian Arab, Ali Tayeb, a young boxer with six fights behind him. Afterwards he called his mother at home in Casablanca—and announced his decision to make boxing his career. "I am going all out for championships," he told friends in Paris. Promoter Gilbert Benaim said of his fight: "It was fantastic. Marcel looked the image of his father."

Photo shows Marcel Junior in his Paris gymnasium.—London Express photo.

ONE OF AUSTRALIAN SWIMMERS' SUCCESS SECRETS REVEALED —SHAVING THEIR BODIES

Sydney, Apr. 12. Australian male swimmers had for years now shaved their bodies before competing in carnivals, well-known coach, Forbes Carlile, said here today.

Youthful Macao XI to play against HK

Macao, Apr. 12. The selectors for the Interport team to meet the Hongkong side this coming Easter Sunday, announced that the local representatives will be chosen among the young and promising players who took part in the local league games.

They are expected to give a good account of themselves in this annual football interport series.

Meanwhile, representatives of two Hongkong soccer clubs are here to find promising talents for their ranks.—AFP.

U.S. student sets world pole vault record

Norman, Apr. 12. American student J. D. Martin beat the world pole vault record with a leap of 15 feet nine and three-quarter inches here today.

Officials said it would be submitted for recognition as a record, but for technical reasons they doubted whether it could be accepted.

Bob Gutowski (United States) set the official record of 15 feet eight and one-quarter inches in April 1957.—Reuters.

He was commenting on reports that American swimmers had adopted the idea of shaving their bodies before competing in events.

The report quoted one coach as stating that shaving the body helped to minimise water resistance and was the only possible explanation for one swimmer breaking a record.

Forbes Carlile said: "I was wondering just how long it would take them to wake up to it."

"It used to amaze me to see those great hairy Yanks on the starting board."

"Our swimmers have shaved themselves regularly the day before each carnival that it is a ritual."

SCIENTIFIC TESTS

"In fact, nobody ever notices that there is no hair on their legs."

"Even the girls give their legs an extra rub with an emery board before a race."

Carlile said: "It may sound very little, but scientific tests we carried out at Sydney University in 1950 proved that the water resistance from hair on the legs and chest is quite important."

"The late professor Frank Cotton and I carried out tests on swimmers with and without hairy legs."

"Our research proved that the water resistance of hair on the legs and chest could retard a swimmer to the extent of a second in 110 yards."

Carlile said: "No doubt the Americans have noticed Jon Horvics and Murray Rose were shaved when they swam."

FINNEY the GREAT

TOM SHAMES ONE-SEASON WONDERS

DESMOND HACKETT

Tom Finney, the pride of Preston, was 38 recently, and I could not have sent the good old "Many happy returns" salutation to a nicer sportsman.

Finney has been variously titled "The Peerless Plumber" . . . "Tormenting Tom" . . . "Phantom Finney." But to me this modest Lancashire lad is simply Finney the family man.

When Finney was twice named Footballer of the Year by the Soccer-writing chaps he would always

thank his dad for his advice when Tom was a starry-eyed football-crazy kid.

Preston North End offered young Tom 50s. a week to join the ground staff.

His dad, with that unequalled Lancashire flair for sizing up the job, replied: "Aye. Now we know you can be a good plumber, but we don't know if you can be a good footballer."

Finney stayed on as a 6s-a-week plumber. Football had to wait.

It is part of athletic history how Finney has toured the world with England and left behind those slightly-bowed legs a babel of baffled defenders.



TOM FINNEY

BRAVES WIN NL BASEBALL OPENER

Milwaukee, Apr. 12. Joe Adcock hit a two-run homer into the right field stands today, breaking up a 2-2 eighth inning tie and giving the Milwaukee Braves a 4-3 decision over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the National League opener at County Stadium.

At Cincinnati home runs by Roy McMillan and rookie Tony Gonzalez, backed up brilliant relief pitching by Jim O'Toole, gave the Cincinnati Reds a 9-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

SCORES

Scores of today's games were:
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh . . . 000-000-001-3-1-2
Milwaukee . . . 100-000-100-4-4-1
Field: Face (6) and Smith; Spain, McMillan (9), Burdette (9) and Gonzalez. W-O'Toole. L-Roberts. Home run—Cincinnati. McMillan, Gonzalez.
Philadelphia . . . 220-000-000-4-6-3
Cincinnati . . . 001-000-000-3-0-0
Roberts, Short (8), Gomez (6), Robinson (7) and Coker; Brennan, Lawrence (6), O'Leary (6), Henry (6) and Bailey. W-O'Toole. L-Roberts. Home run—Cincinnati. McMillan, Gonzalez.
St. Louis . . . 000-000-000-1-3-2
San Francisco . . . 201-000-000-3-0-0
Jackson, Dillie (6) and Smith, Sawatski (8); Jones (1-0) and Schmitt.
LP-Jackson (0-1). HR-Wagner (1st). —AP.

UK soccer results

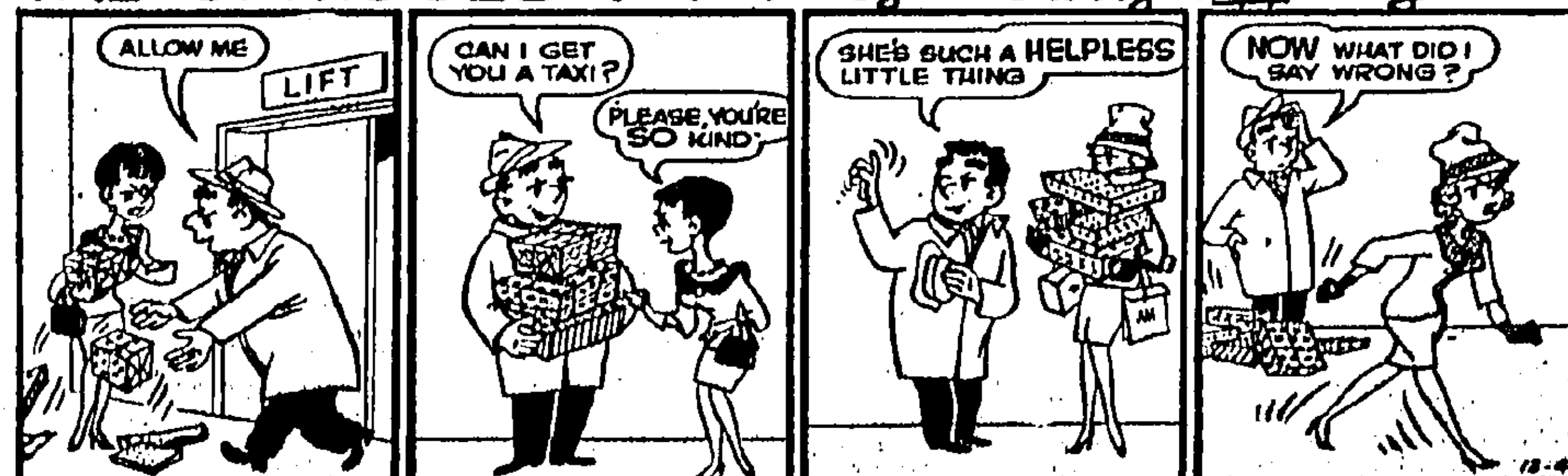
London, Apr. 12. Results of tonight's British football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division IV
Oldham 2, Walsall 4.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Celtic 2, Partick Thistle 4.
Division II
Stenhousemuir 2, Berwick 1.
Representative Match
League of Ireland 2, Irish League 1.—Reuters.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY
Athletics
Lord Forbes Major & Minor Units Team Championships final, Boundary Street, 9.30 a.m.
Hockey
Holland Cup final: Nav Bharat v Army (SKP) 6.30 p.m.
Soccer
Governor's Cup second match: CAFA v HKFA. Club ground, 9.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's College annual athletic meet, 2 p.m.
Selection School annual athletic meeting, SCFA ground, 1 p.m.
TO-MORROW
Soccer
2nd Division: Gymnasium v NAV 8.45 (CH) 9 p.m.
3rd Division: St. Joseph's v Post Office (NAV) 8 p.m.
Black-O Country Club: Guest Day, flag competition.

THE GAMBOLS . . . By Barry Appleby



THE GAMBOLS

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no cliché is good enough



Li Phillips, of Army, making one of his big jumps in the long jump event at the athletics match between Army and Civilians last Saturday at Boundary Street. The Army jumper won the event with a leap of 20 ft 11½ ins. Army, however, lost the match by 155½ points to 100½.—China Mail photo.

SPORTS PICTORIAL



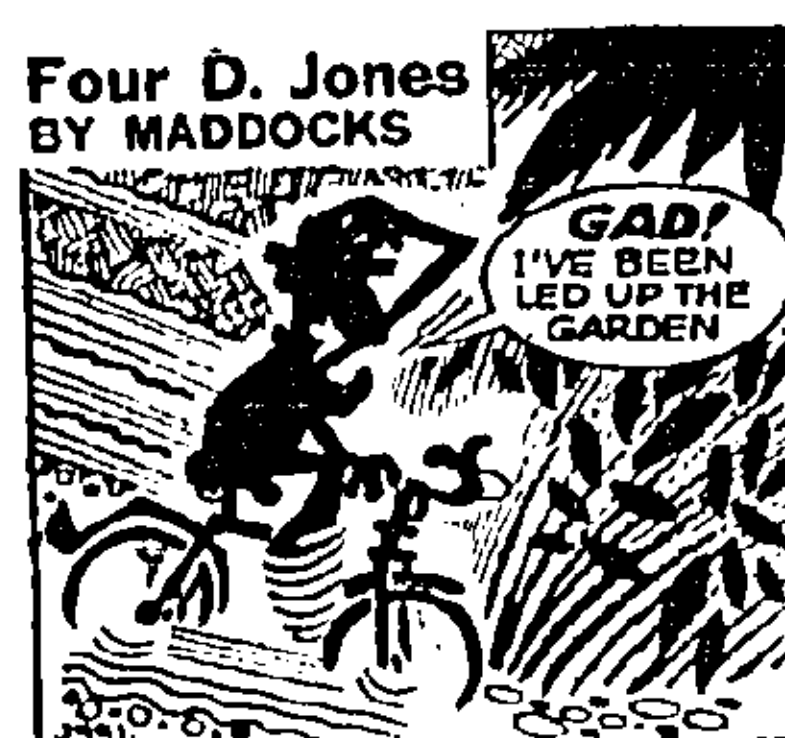
ABOVE: A group photo taken after the "driving-in" ceremony by Mrs R. Firkins, Lady Captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, at Fanling yesterday. Mrs Firkins is seen in the front row, third from right.—China Mail photo.
BELOW: The winners of the Ladies' Junior Knockout softball competition seen together in a group picture. They are (from left): Front row—Annabel Chin (Captain), Margaret Tsui, Frances Lai, Mabel Kwan and Lana Au. Back row—Fred Dista Sr (Manager and Coach), Dorothy Lau (Vice-captain), Jennie Leung, Nancy Wang, Phyllis Woo, Alice Chang, Cecilia Chiu, Linda Hsu, Vivian Loo.



ABOVE: Ponies in the one-mile Sheffield Handicap at last Saturday's race meeting coming round the bend into final straight. The winner was the top favourite Hard Ridden, owned by Mr Ho Tak-fan and ridden by Chun Kiu. Second was Castle Peak and third House Top.

LEFT: Mr W. S. T. Loney, President of the Hongkong Football Association, being introduced to some of the players taking part in the Youth soccer competition, at the inauguration ceremony last Saturday at Caroline Hill.

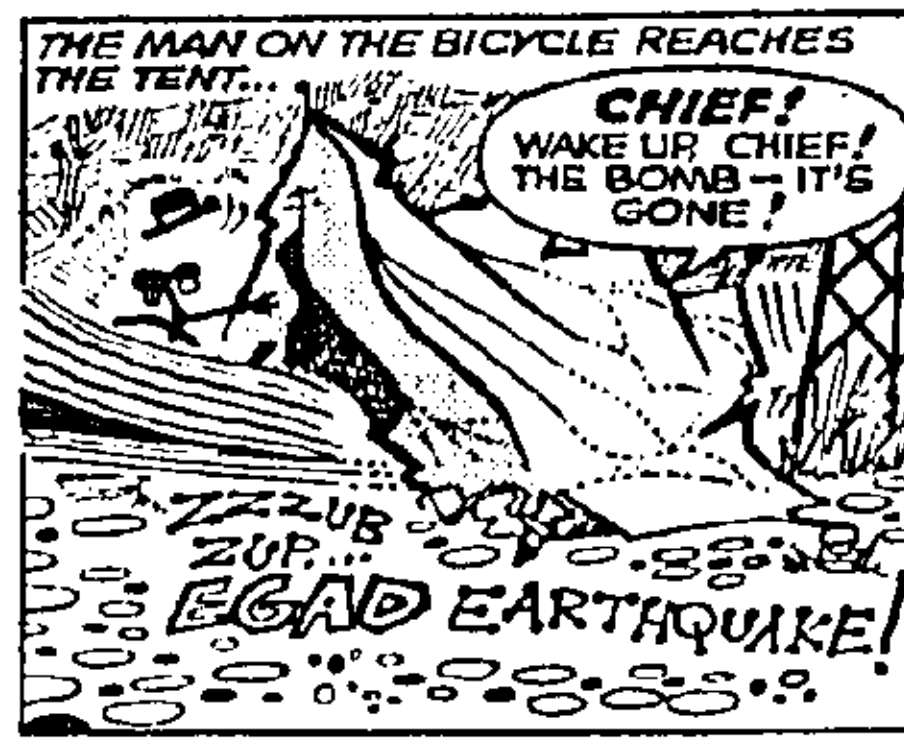
RIGHT: An exciting moment in front of India's goalmouth in the hockey international final between Malaya and India last Sunday. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—China Mail photos.



Four D. Jones by MADDOCKS



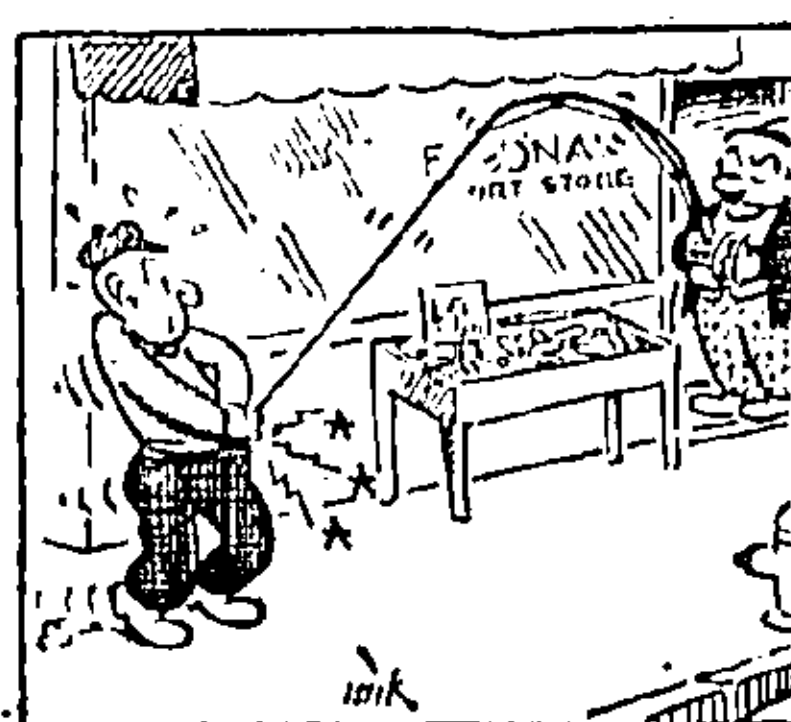
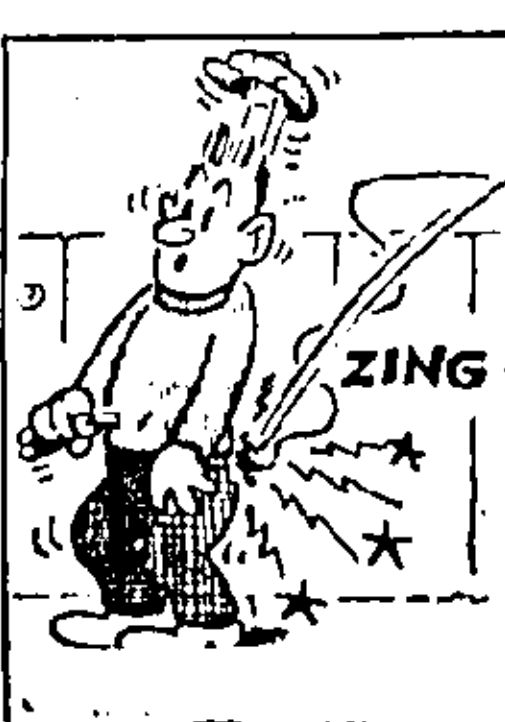
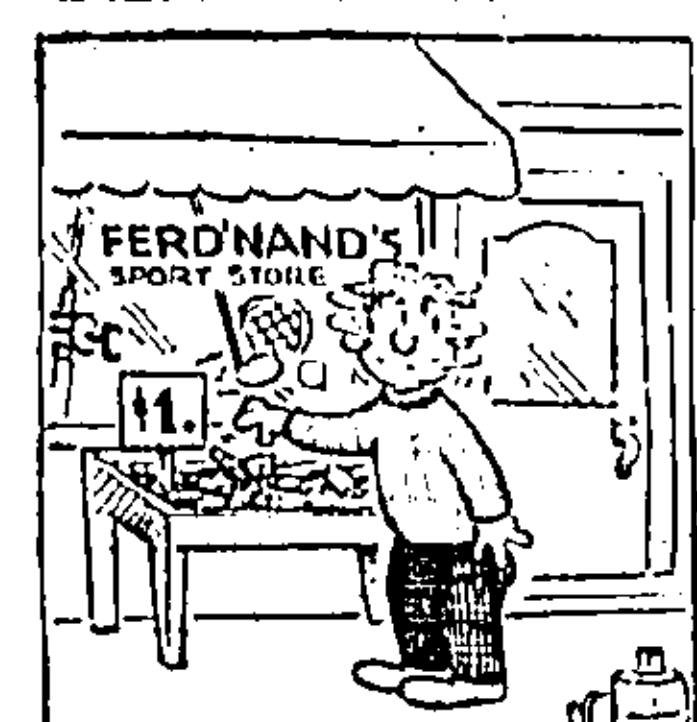
THE PILFERING PIRATES APPROACH THEIR SHIP WITH THE THIRD BOMB SUCCESSFULLY SWIRLED



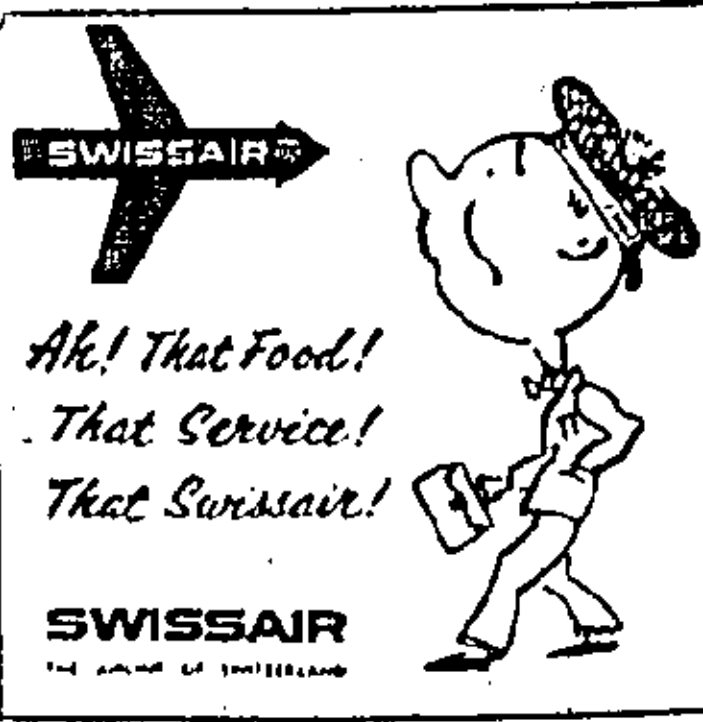
THE MAN ON THE BICYCLE REACHES THE TENG



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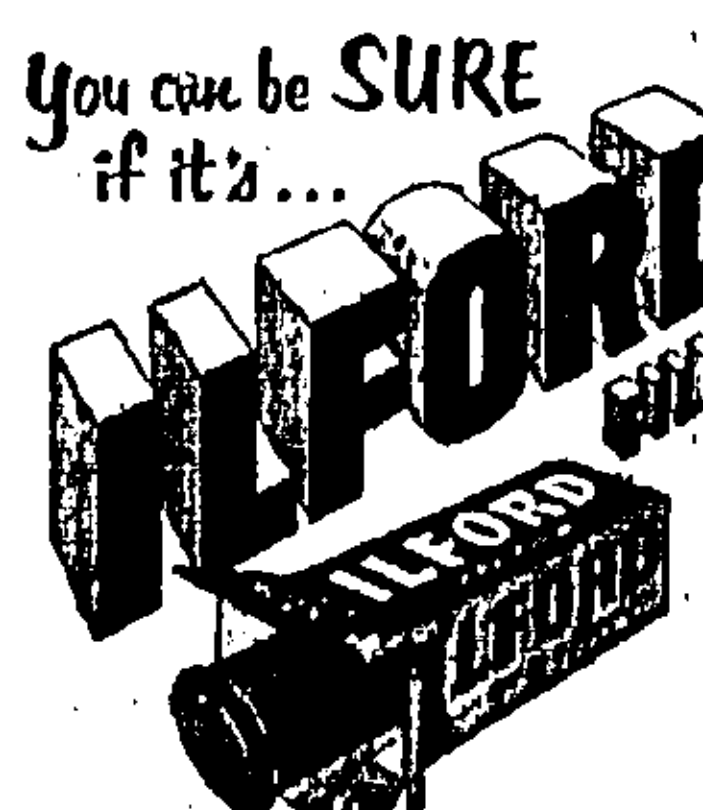
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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Why Nasser thinks he's nailed the Jews

by Geoffrey Thursby

WATER—man's greatest need—today brings a smile to the face of President Nasser. For he is convinced that through water he can strangle Israel—the tiny Jewish State that has thrashed him repeatedly and soundly. Israel, with a population of 2,000,000, is desperately in need of more fertile land. Jews, still the target of vicious prejudice in many parts of the world, knock longingly on the doors of Israel.

But where can they go when they get there? That is the problem of the Modern Moses—David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel—the man with wild, desert-swept white hair. This is his plan: To move up to a million—possibly many more—new Israelis into the empty Negev desert in Southern Israel. They can survive there—with water.

Israel plans a grand \$25,000,000 scheme to pipe life-giving water from the Jordan to the Negev. This is what brings a smile to Nasser. For small rivers that feed the ancient Jordan lie in Arab lands—in Nasser's own Syria—now part of his United Arab Republic—and in Lebanon, bustling trading State on the sunny Mediterranean. Lebanon's leaders are too timid to stand up to Nasser. If he brings heavy pressure on them, he could end a lot of Lebanon's trade to Syria.

DIFFICULT

So if Nasser were to get in first and divert the tributaries, Israel would be in the most difficult position in its 11-year history. To prosper, Israel is in need of more industry—and to fulfil its pledge of "open gate" to all Jews must bring more people into the desert lands south of Tel Aviv.

Israel will eventually push her plan to pipe the water. There is no doubt of that. Israel must pipe the water—or begin to die. That is the ominous situation developing, because Nasser knows that if Israel brings another million—or more—new Israelis into the country, it will begin to change the balance of power against him in the Middle East. Day by day Nasser watches the slow-flowing Jordan and waits—hoping that one day the waters of the river where Christ was baptised can be dried up to strangle Israel.

robot deterrent

—UNTOUCHED BY HUMAN HAND

By ROBIN STAFFORD

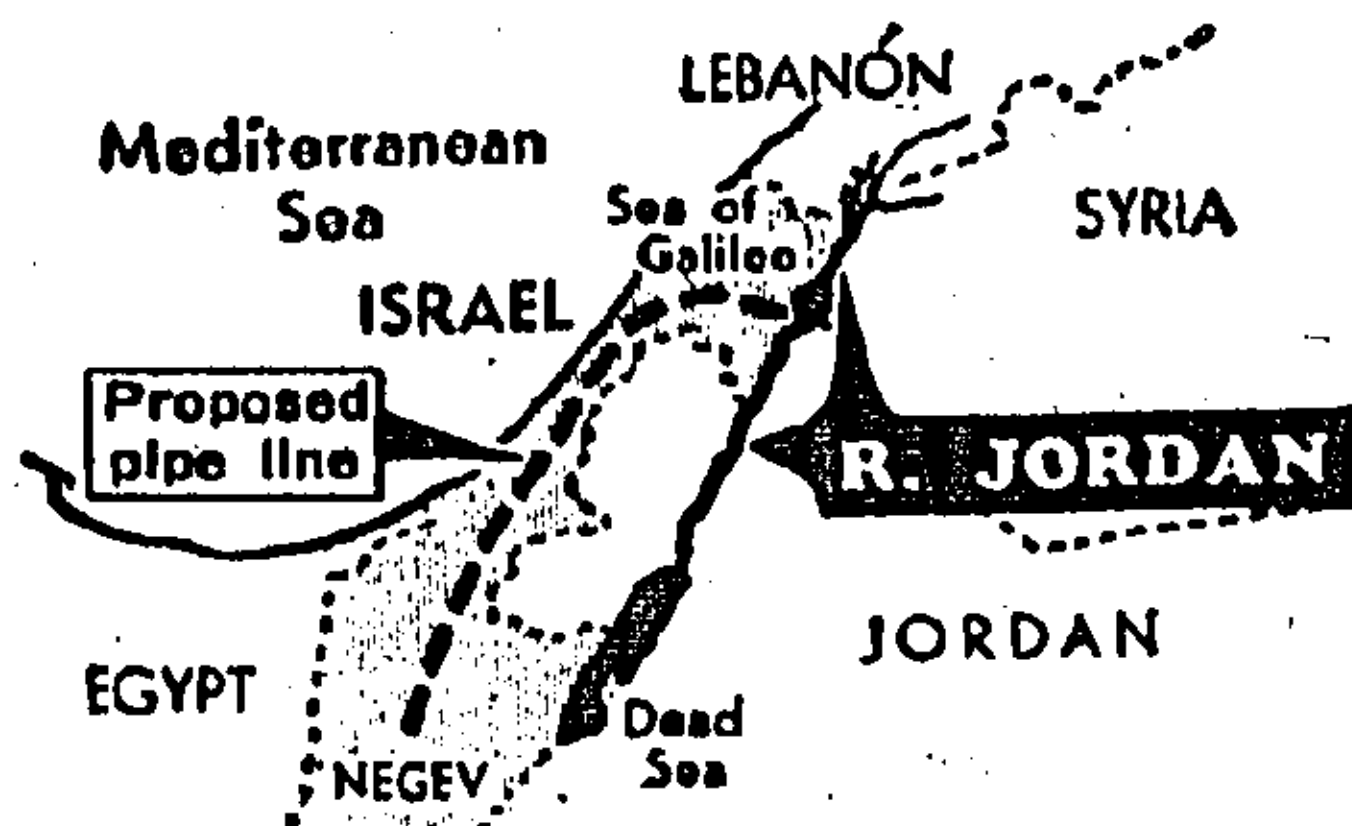
Rome. American rocket engineers are working on what they consider the "ultimate weapon"—a rocket system which, once started, would fire missiles every 18 minutes and 20 seconds UNLESS someone pushed a button.

Nuclear warheads missiles would start from the horizontal position, electronically rise into the upright position for firing on already zeroed targets, drop in their own warheads, and take off without any human hand ever being involved.

AUTOMATIC

ONLY by pressing a button could the missiles be prevented from blasting off—and then the automatic process would start all over again.

U.S. missile men see this as the ultimate deterrent weapon—because no country would dare attack another knowing that even if everybody had been killed by a dose of nerve gas in the enemy territory the reprisal rockets would go on firing automatically.



CHERRY-BLOSSOM TRAVELS...

TOKYO. WEST GERMAN Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has returned to Bonn from his cherry-blossom season visit to Japan.

Why was his journey necessary? Apart from explaining his position on the Berlin question before next month's Summit talks, Adenauer's main mission was to seek a solution to the deadlocked trade talks in Bonn.

Trade between the two countries has been increasing. In 1959 Japan exported 214 million marks (£18,000,000) worth of goods to Germany and imported 383 million marks (£33,000,000) worth in return.

But there has been no formal trade agreement since 1957. The talks are deadlocked over the amount of textiles and chinaware involved.

Adenauer has now reassured the Japanese that the European Common Market would not shut out the Japanese from markets there.

SELASSIE FALLING FOR MR. K'S SELLING LINE?

By CHARLES PEMBERTON

CAIRO. IS THE tough old "Lion of Judah" succumbing to Moscow's blandishments? Next to newly-independent Guinea the Kremlin is concentrating its new woo-and-win African campaign on Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie.

Khrushchev has sent the emperor a plush new Soviet jet transport for his personal use. The Russians and Ethiopians have just signed an agreement for Russian experts to build an oil refinery at the Red Sea port of Assab—part of the \$30,000,000 credit Moscow extended to Haile Selassie during his trip to the Soviet Union last year. Western visitors to the country say the Soviet propaganda is "superior" to that of the West, and that the Ethiopian students and others who have been travelling in "platoons" to Moscow are returning greatly impressed.

DBS head going to England

The Rev. George She, Headmaster of Diocesan Boys' School, will go on a three-month study leave to England this summer. He will leave by Boac on June 3 for London and will then go to Bristol to join his wife and his son, David. He will study the educational system while in England. He will return to Hongkong in the autumn.

Two years jail for stealing police revolver

John Spencer, 30-year-old unemployed Eurasian, was sentenced to two years imprisonment at the Victoria District Court this morning, for the theft of a police revolver and 11 rounds of ammunition.

"This was not mere larceny, but larceny of a lethal weapon," said Judge W. F. Pickering as he passed sentence.

Dr Lo Wai-hoi said in evidence that Spencer had been under his care from October 20 to December 11 last year, as a voluntary patient at the Mental Hospital. He had been suffering from corticoid psychosis.

Judge Pickering said the sentence would run consecutively with a four month sentence the accused is serving at Victoria Remand Prison.

Missing

At an earlier hearing, it was explained that the revolver and ammunition were found at Spencer's rooftop hut at 160 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, on March 21. He had been charged at the Victoria Prison where he was already serving a prison term, and had pleaded guilty.

Spencer had nine previous convictions for larceny, obtaining money and goods by false pretences, smoking and possessing heroin, and escaping from custody.

SEPARATION GRANTED

Mr I. T. Morris at Central this morning granted an application for a separation order made by Ko Wai-han, of 28A Wyndham Street, 2nd floor, against her husband, Pun Kam-on, shoe shop proprietor.

Mr Morris ordered defendant to pay the complainant \$250 a month maintenance and \$50 a month for their child. The complainant was given custody of the child but defendant had the right to see it at all reasonable times.

HK women have lovely complexions

The average Chinese girl has by far the best complexion in the world, a Swiss beautician said today.

"But they do not know how to use makeup," Mr Herbert Schiller said before departure by PAA for Tokyo, Japan.

Mr Schiller has been in Hongkong for the last six days at the invitation of a worldwide cosmetic firm.

Mr Schiller who now lives in New York said that he was amazed to see that "eight out of ten young women whom you see walking along the street appear to have never used makeup."

"They will get the shock of their lives if they realise how much difference it will make to their appearance," he added.

Mr Schiller will be in Tokyo, studying cosmetics for the next six weeks.

COMING AND GOING

Manila L. Lacsan, Mayor of Manila City, Mrs Lacsan and their two daughters, came here by PAL to spend their Easter holidays in Hongkong.

Archbishop J. Fernandes, Archbishop of New Delhi, left by Boac this morning for a five-week visit to the United States. The Archbishop left Hongkong after a short stop-over.

The Earl of Selkirk, British High Commissioner, to South-east Asia, who arrived last Sunday for a short visit, left by Boac for Singapore this morning. He was accompanied by Lady Selkirk.

Thieves steal 11 radios

Thieves broke into a shop and stole 11 transistor radios to a total value of \$1,800 in Kowloon early yesterday.

The Art Fair Record Company at 50B Nathan Road, ground floor, closed at 10 p.m. on Monday.

A shop fold who lives on the roof-top, came down yesterday at 10 a.m. to reopen the shop. He found the door open and 11 transistor radios missing from the showcase.

In the afternoon, an intruder broke into 6, Observatory Road, fourth floor and stole a wrist watch, a camera and a quantity of jewellery to a total value of \$1,200.

Woman found with wrists slashed

A former fashion model at the Hongkong Products Exhibition was found with her wrists slashed at her home in Kowloon yesterday afternoon.

The 34-year-old woman lives with her three-year-old daughter and an amah in a flat in Cornwall Avenue. Police are making inquiries.

Dear Sir

Humane Magistrate

Sir—It is most refreshing to read in a report published in your late final issue of Tuesday, April 12, of the magnanimous action of a Central Magistrate who purchased the dictionary and presented it to the youth charged with stealing it. His humane action, coupled with his stern warning to the boy who was bound over for the offence must have evoked admiration among those who feel that Justice should be tempered with Mercy. There must be many like this poor young boy who are eager to study but without the means to buy the necessary books, and this has prompted the idea that every school should have at least a small library of useful books where the poorer students can borrow for use. The Rotary Movement and the Junior Chamber of Commerce have been doing much for youths of this Colony, and it would be much appreciated by the poor students if they would provide dictionaries and other useful books for some of these free schools.

One could wish that more of our administrators of the law would emulate the splendid example of the Humane Magistrate whose action has prompted this letter.

PERCY LARKEN.

Vice-Consuls act as interpreters

The Vice-Consuls of Norway and Thailand acted as interpreters at Victoria District Court this morning, when three men, a Chinese, a Norwegian and a Siamese, appeared on charges of dealing in dangerous drugs, and conspiring to import them.

Buneshute Priemataja, 51, Siamese, third officer aboard the ss Prosper, Chan Kwong-shing, a 53-year-old Hongkong plastics manufacturer and Bjorn Høyen Arsvik, a 37-year-old Norwegian, chief officer aboard the Prosper, pleaded not guilty.

The Norwegian is additionally charged with possessing a total of 20 lbs 15 ounces of prepared opium, and the Siamese is charged with possessing a total of eight lbs 11 ounces of raw opium.

Chief Inspector L. C. Smith, prosecuting, said the hearing would be long and complicated because of translation difficulties, and recommended 18 days for the trial, which was set to commence on May 9.

The interpreters were Mr Boonchoo Anpansing of the Thai Consulate General, and Mr Arne Futsaether of the Norwegian Consulate.

MACAO NEWS

Macao, Apr. 13. Another settlement area is to be built at Taipa island to accommodate some of the thousands of refugees who have flocked into Macao during the past years.

The Local Roman Catholic missions are planning to erect about 100 stone and brick houses on Taipa and they have asked the local authorities for a suitable site.

Two other settlement areas, including groups of small houses, clinics, schools and playground have already been built, one at Green Island and the other at Coloane Island.

These were built with the aid of the Catholic Welfare Association.—AFP.

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Visiting Macao, Apr. 13. Madame Simone Jacquinet, the wife of M. Louis Jacquinet, the French Minister of State who is currently touring Hongkong. Another distinguished visitor was Mr Barnett H. Goldstein, the Russian-born Chief Justice of Portland, Oregon, who was accompanied by his wife.—AFP.

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From the Files
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FROM the SCM Post's 25 Years ago column: "The first introduction of the new form of oath took place at the Criminal Session yesterday afternoon. Chief Inspector Hanson was called as a witness in the Hasting's case and took the Bible in his hand.

He was sworn, and was just about to kiss the book when the deputy Registrar said: "You must not kiss the Book."

The veteran officer was at a loss to understand the command until he subsequently learned that his was the first instance in which the new form of oath had been administered.

"It will be remembered that recently the Legislative Council, passed a bill providing the new form of oath to do away with the kissing of the Bible and this came into force yesterday."

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IT is officially stated that the dog—it was a mere pup—which bit the late Mr J. A. M. Elphinstone at the Dog's Home in February was not destroyed because it developed rabies, but as a matter of routine.

It had been taken to the Home with its mother by a local resident who did not wish to keep the animal because they were females.

The mother was destroyed almost immediately and the pup soon afterwards. Neither animal had any chance of infecting the other dogs at the home.

"The whole affair is terrible. It has distressed me so much that I have had to call in the doctor." The lady committee member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who is in charge of the Dogs Home, made this statement when interviewed by a SCM Post reporter yesterday.

She also said that Mr Elphinstone had picked up the puppy after it had been taken away from its mother and helped some coolies put it in a hot bath.

It was then that the dog bit him. She said she treated the wound with strong disinfectant and then dressed it and advised him to report to Kowloon Hospital, but that Mr Elphinstone "made light of the incident."

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The Colonial Secretary announced that the following have been invited to serve on the Silver Jubilee Committee: Mr P. H. Sin, Mr W. N. Thomas Tam and Mr Ngan Shing-kwan.

Office boy stole letters

A 19-year-old office boy, Li Poi-tak, of 1 Tai Hang New Village Street, ground floor, was sentenced to three months' jail by Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning for stealing 20 letters from the air mail box at the Post Office.

Before passing sentence, Mr Cons told the defendant that stealing letters was a very serious offence and the maximum sentence of which was 14 years' imprisonment.

However, Mr Cons added, he sent Li to jail for three months because he took into consideration defendant's age and clear record.

Detective Sub-Inspector Ko Po-kean said a postman saw Li putting a letter into the air mail drop box and take out 20 letters.

Inspector Ko added that the stamps on the stolen letters were worth \$23.10.

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